

## **Region 3 GPRA Baseline RCRA Corrective Action Facility**

# **Sensient Technical Colors (Formerly: Warner Jenkinson; Crompton & Knowles Colors)**

**Route 724, 1/4 mile off Route 724**

**Gibraltar, PA 19508**

**Congressional District 6**

**EPA ID #: PAD002917466**

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## **Current Progress at the Site**

Production ended in August 2003 and Sensient is in the process of selling this facility and will retain the environmental liability.

An inspection was performed by PADEP and found numerous drums stored in a warehouse that need to be removed prior to an approved closure of the facility by the state. In addition, one remaining surface impoundment (Imp #3) needs to be completely closed prior to the approved closure. This was expected to be completed by the end of summer/beginning of fall 2004. EPA expects to grant a No Further Action Letter upon satisfaction of the state's requirements for clean closure of the site.

## **Site Description**

The Warner Jenkinson Facility is located along U.S. Route 724 in Berks County, PA. The approximately 140-acre site is bordered on the north by the Schuylkill River. Warner Jenkinson used about 30 acres of the property to manufacture dyes. The rest of the property is not developed.

On November 1, 2001 EPA, US Army Corps of Engineers and representative from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) conducted an Environmental Indicators investigation to determine current environmental conditions at Sensient.

The areas of concern at this site were: the Former Burn Pit/ Sump Area which was determined to be the source of contamination at and downgradient of Surface Impoundment, the Remediated Area (former waste disposal lagoon and environs), and the Wetland Area.

Warner Jenkinson had been working with PADEP through the Act 2 program to identify contamination and remediate the site. Warner Jenkinson submitted a Final Report under Act 2 to PADEP on October 5, 1999 showing that, based on a site-specific risk assessment, contamination at the site was not a risk to human health or the environment . PADEP approved the final report and granted Warner Jenkinson a release of liability on December 7, 1999.

EPA is evaluated the data gathered during the inspection and submitted by Warner Jenkinson and determined that both the Human Exposure and Groundwater Environmental Indicators have been met.

## **Site Responsibility**

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The majority of Corrective Action activities at this facility have been conducted through the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection through the delegated portions of RCRA or the Environmental Cleanup Program with assistance from EPA Region 3.

## **Contaminants**

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Contaminants in the soil include: volatiles, semi-volatiles, and inorganic materials.  
Contaminants in the ground water are primarily metals and some organic chemicals.

## **Community Interaction**

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If there is need for further action, EPA will inform the public.

## **Institutional Controls**

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There are no current institutional controls established for this facility.

## **Government Contacts**

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